WEST END BULLETIN – JUNE 1978 NO. 11

TAMESIDES *FIRST* COMMUNITY PAPER

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NEEDS! NEEDS!

TO HELP

~See Page 3.

west park ESTATE NEWS

council puts heat on tenants

Charges up by over 50% in year

In September 1977 Jim English, Chairman of the West Park Tenants Group, was paying £1.96 per week in heating charges. In October it rose to £2.16. Now the Council is proposing to put it up to £3.09, and Jim is not alone. Nearly all the tenants on West Park, many of whom are on low wages, face similar increased charges. All of which is certainly not going to make it easier to make ends meet next winter

The Council argue that price increases are necessary in order to cover costs. The Tenants Association reply that all increases are discretionary and should be pegged, especially at a time when workers are being asked to limit wage demands to 10%. The tenants are not going to pay up without a fight and have already contacted Robert Sheldon, Ashton M.P. about the matter.

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NATURES WEB

We all know that paper comes from trees, but have we ever thought of the effect it's having on our lives ? After all, trees are mainly responsible for the oxygen we mortals require for survival, but in this unbalanced world man is inclined to bite the hand that feeds him. We are at present engaged in destroying trees at the rate of an area the size of Holland each year! Most of it goes in newspaper and packaging - even WEB is guilty of using up about two trees per issue!

re-use paper save trees

It's quite possible to re-cycle paper and use it again and in fact some magazines in Europe are already doing this. But, we seem to be a bit slow in this country at following them.

The irony is that we do not need to cut down trees at all - we could just as easily use waste sugar cane And the Chinese have been using rice paper for thousands of years. So, with a bit more determination we could make a bit more sense out of the way we're ruining our planet and endangering ourselves.

HELP!

WE NEED SOMEBODY!

WEB's got a problem - and that is that it's been too successful. In the beginning - 2 years ago a group of local people started WEB with the idea of producing a LOCAL paper with news and views of what was happening in our area. Since then, we've been under a lot of pressure to write about other parts of Tameside. Folk have been writing in and ringing us saying 'Why don't you have a Denton page' or a 'Droylesden page' or a 'Stalybridge page'. All of which would have been great - except that if we'd done that then WEB wouldn't have been WEB. It would have lost everything that was going for it - namely that it was for the West End, that it was local and that it was OURS.
About a year ago we started the Tameside Eye page which we thought was a reasonable compromise - but it wasn't enough. It is clear both from the success of WEB and the success of Tameside Eye that the whole area of Tameside needs a paper of its own, as an alternative to the Reporter, and so after a lot of talking we have decided that about half the people on WEB should go off and set up a truly independent Tameside paper. And, the other half should stay on and keep WEB going. But (and here's the problem) WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT ON OUR OWN and we're going to need your help.

At present WEB is selling about ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED copies each issue which means there must be some of you who could spare, say, a couple of hours every six weeks to help
-sell on your block
-or help type up an article that someone else has written
-or to help type up an article that you have written
-or to help fold the paper when it comes back from the printers.
These are just some of the things that need doing if we're to keep WEB going. So, give it some thought and if you think that WEB is worth more to you than the 5p every six weeks please let us know.

The next issue won't be out until September which will give us a bit of time to re-organise ourselves and gather new strength - so stay with us, but PLEASE don't take us for granted.

If you decide that there are ways in which you could help the new WEB you can contact us through any of these addresses. If no-one's in when you call, leave your name and address and someone will call round to see you.

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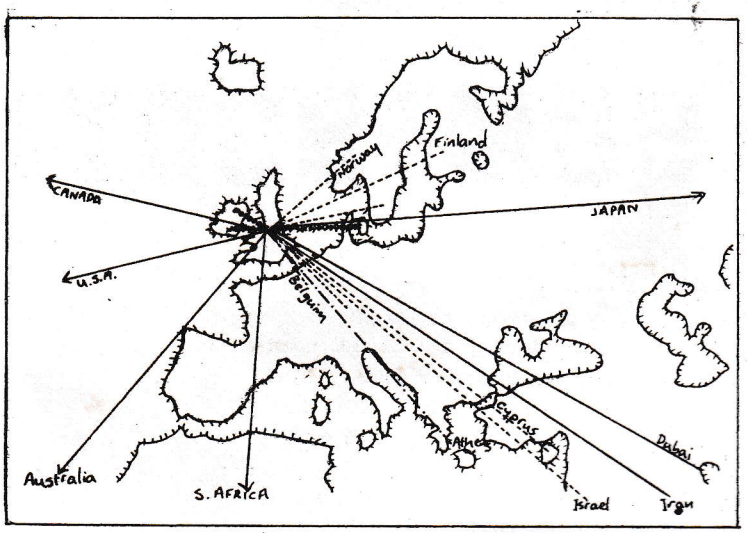

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Marshalls transport

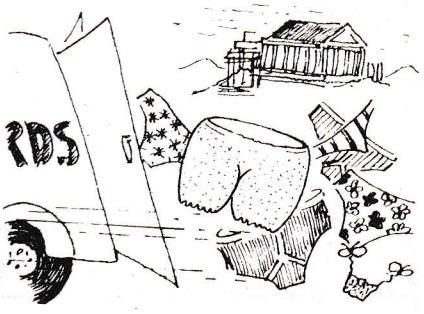
Do you ever feel that you are living in a small forgotten corner of the world?
Not so!.
WEB has been investigating what the West End is contributing to world affairs. For example, there always seem to be a stream of lorries bearing fancy number plates going in and out of the West End.

WEB decided to find out where these lorries came from, where they were heading and what they were carrying.

We rang a few of the local firms and found that what we needed was not so much a map of Europe but a map of the world. Here are just a few of the places where West End products end up.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE DANES LIVE IT UP ON HILLS BISCUITS? OR THAT THE GREEKS SPORT KNICKERS FROM HOWARDS?

If you have any information you can give us about the West End and world wide links please let us know. We'd like to run an article on local people living or working aborad. Any ideas?



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LOCALS ANGRY OVER 'PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE'

COUNCIL BACKS DOWN ON SKATE BOARD PLAN

AFTER PERSUADING LOCAL YOUNGSTERS, PARENTS & PLAYLEADERS TO RESEARCH AND SUBMIT PLANS FOR SKATEBOARD PARKS ALL OVER TAMESIDE THE RECREATION DEPT. HAVE SUDDENLY DROPPED THE WHOLE IDEA.
WEB REPORTS.....

No-one could accuse the Recreation Dept. of being democratic and so a lot of people were sceptical when Ted Neighbour - topdog there - announced that he wanted kids to ring him up at work to tell him their plans for skateboarding in the area.

But, then he announced plans to build umpteen skateparks (including one in West End park), called a public meeting, and set up a steering committee composed of parents, playleaders, officials, and most important, kid skateboarders, to advise him.

It seemed that for once Tameside was going about things sensibly and getting local people involved from the start.

The response was certainly tremendous.

big response

In the West End kids and playleaders put in a lot of work.

They designed their own skaterink (see WEB 10) and regularly attended meetings of the steering committee to advise council officials.

But then, after all that, a short curt letter arrived announcing that the Recreation Committee had 'decided not to support any skateboarding schemes at the present time'. People were furious. All that work and enthusiasm gone down the drain. Jim English, West Park Tenants Chairman, who had attended all six steering committee meetings in his spare time now feels that "The whole thing was a waste of time. A simple delaying tactic on the part of the council!"

bad example

Arlene Lomax, Playleader at the Community Centre feels that "The most disgusting thing about the whole affair is the disappointment to the kids. The Recreation Dept. has taught them never to trust people in authority. You cannot expect youngsters to behave responsibly when their so called betters set such a bad example".

Disturbed by the whole affair WEB rang up Recreation to see what was going on.
We were told that Councils and Officials are concerned that Skateboarding is just a passing fad and so are unwilling to put money into it. Despite this though, they are allowing a commercial concern to build a skatepark at Lees Park in Droylesden.

'postponed'

The spokesman denied any change in policy towards skateboarding in general, and said that the issue had simply been postponed for a year. He denied allegations that the Recreation Dept. had simply been playing at some sort of 'public relations' game with the local people.
A further meeting with the steering committee has been called, but it is unlikely however that there will be much enthusiasm for further talks with the Recreation Dept. now.

WILL GRANTHAM GO?

TORY LEADER COLIN GRANTHAM AND A FRIEND. HE STILL LEADS BUT FOR HOW LONG ?

THE LOSS IN THE LOCAL ELECTIONS OF THREE SEATS TO LABOUR (IN THE FACE OF NATIONAL TRENDS TOWARDS THE TORIES) MUST BE SEEN AS A MASSIVE VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN LOCAL CONSERVATIVE POLICIES, AND IN PARTICULAR IN THE RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM OF THEIR RULING CLIQUE, TWO OF WHOM (DONALD THORPE AND LAWRENCE BELL) WERE KICKED OUT ALTOGETHER BY VOTERS.

The results not only leave the Tories with a shortage of talent at the top (Thorpe and Bell were Chairmen respectively of the crucial Education and Finance Committees) but will also put considerable pressure on Tory Leader Colin Grantham, either to resign or to soften his hard-line approach.

DONALD THORPE - GONE .

There are already rumours (as yet unsubstantiated) of a meeting of the Tory caucus to discuss Grantham's position as leader. Many people now feel that his loud-mouthed, and often unbalanced extremism over things like

Fed up officials

It seems that Council Officials have had just about enough of the dictatorial behaviour of Tory top dogs. On at least one occasion it is said that painstakingly researched evidence has been rejected by Councillors on the grounds that it did not back up preconcieved Tory policies.

jobs

Added to this is the feeling that after the numerous fiascos which have hit the National press, Tameside has got such a bad reputation that job prospects outside the area are being damaged. WEB knows of at least one council employee who was greeted with hoots of laughter and derisive sympathy when he announced at an outside conference that he worked for Tameside.

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AFTER GETTING MASSIVE PUBLICITY FROM THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE, THE NATIONAL PRESS AND THE LEFT, THE TAMESIDE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL FRONT PUT UP A PATHETIC SHOWING IN THE ELECTIONS.

The Nasties fielded four candidates, and nowhere did they get more than 100 votes for their pains.

In Werneth ward in Hyde (a so-called N.F. stronghold) the vote for local Fuhrer Frank Dawber plummeted by over 100% from 289 in 1976 to 100 this May. Even allowing for the intervention of Contrary Mary Dyer, who used to be a Tory, flirted with the N.F. in 1975, and got 134 votesin May standing against Dawber as an independant, the total vote for the ultra-right fell considerably. Something which the anti-fascist campaigners in Hyde, who spent a lot of time leafleting the area against the N.F., can congratulate themselves on.

The Hyde Link-up?

THIS STORY OF ELECTORAL SHENNANIGANS IN HYDE IS GRIST TO THE MILL OF THOSE CYNICAL PEOPLE WHOKEEP SPREADING RUMOURS OF LINKS BETWEEN TORIES AND THE N.F. THERE.

On Thursday Nov.25th 1977 there was a by-election in Newton. The National Front fielded the ubiquitous Frank Dawber as their candidate. The Tories, however, had some trouble over who should be theirs. There were two nominations - John Keighley and John Illet. In the end Keighley got it, leaving Illet- who lives in Flowery Fields House, Flowery Fields, Hyde, out in the cold.

Which clearly annoyed him, because instead of covering the trees in his spacious garden with bright blue Tory posters as usual, he covered them with nasty black N.F. ones instead. Which can hardly have endeared him at the time to his local Tory pals.

Cut to the recent elections this May. The N.F. are making a big play for power all over Tameside. They field all of four candidates, three of whom are standing for Hyde wards: Dawber in Werneth, Mrs. Widows in Godley and hubby Garry Widows in Newton. Then the Tories publish their nominations for the constituency and guess who gets Newton? Why! John Illet of Flowery Fields House, Flowery Fields, Hyde.

Suddenly the N.F. candidate for Newton is switched to the Dukinfield Ward, (where the party has no power base at all). Quite coincidentally (of course) this leaves known N.F. sympathiser Illet with a clear run of the right wing vote in Newton.

WEB is not (of course) suggesting that there could have been any collusion between Hyde Tories (who of course 'despise' the National Front and 'all that they stand for') but all the same - it makes you think doesn't it?

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two page election special

A ROUND UP OF NEWS, VIEWS, FACTS AND NASTY RUMOURS CONCERNING THE MAY LOCAL ELECTIONS IN TAMESIDE. THIS IS ALL THE NEWS YOU DIDN'T READ IN THE REPORTER !

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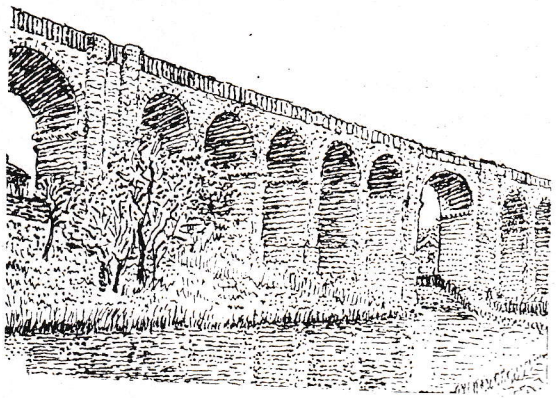
AWAY DAY WITH WEB

HERE'S A DOUBLE PAGE'S WORTH OF IDEAS FOR THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO VISIT ON THE ODD SUNNY DAY THIS SUMMER SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR EASY ACCESS FROM THE WEST END



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DINTING. Visit the Dinting railway centre.

The restored 'Bahamas' has its home on the 10 acre site. Other locomotives include 'Leander', 'Cheltenham', 'Scots Guardsman', to name a few.
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Train to Dinting (not Sunday).

GLOSSOP. Visit Manor Park - only five mins walk from the station.
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Many pleasant walks start from Glossop.

CANAL FESTIVAL
29th July.
Portland Basin, Ashton.

If it rains

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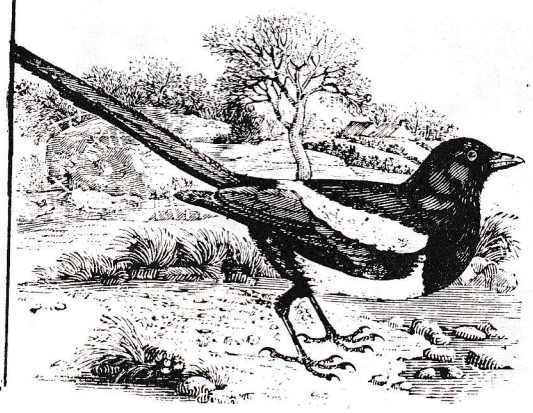

A Bus ride away

UPPERMILL Visit Saddleworth museum and enjoy a canal walk.

The museum contains displays of local domestic and industrial interest. Admission free.

The canal walk starts from behind the museum. Walk for ½ mile until you reach the viaduct. Turn sharp left to climb onto the disused single track railway line, now a gladed walk with lots of wild flowers and shrubs. Buses 183, 184, 354, 431, 432.

Walk from Moorlands Drive to Dovestone reservoir. Good hill walking along established path. Bus 353. Get off at Moorlands Drive.

NATURE TRAIL
Starting at Hartshead field centre. 1½ miles of grassland and canal.

Further Afield

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

Public transport in the Peak National Park has been improved. Why not make use of it ?
Goyt Valley (see map) now has a minibus service which connects with trains from Manchester at Whaley Bridge.

A bus service is available from Glossop to Sheffield. Scenic route through the Peak Park.

Bike 'n' ride services, link cycle hire centres at Parsley Hay and Ashbourne with points on the Tissington and High Peak Trails.
You can hire a bike at any centre, cycle as far as you like, then put the bike on the bus and catch a ride back.
For further details contact.
Peak District National Park Office,
Aldern House, Baslow Rd.,
Bakewell, Derbyshire DE4 1AE.

SETT VALLEY TRAIL
The former Hayfield to New Mills railway line has been made into a footpath and bridleway. It is three miles long. The old station yard at Hayfield is now a car park and picnic area. Local buses stop at the station. Buses 35, 360, 361, 362.
For further information contact Matlock 3411 Ext. 7384.

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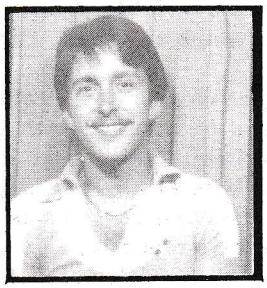
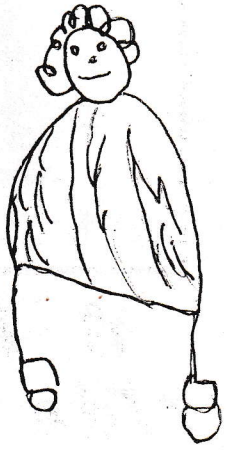


What sort of training have you had:
Well, we were all volunteers before we joined the staff, and came in with great enthusiasm. Since September we have attended the Playleader Course and learnt new skills. We have also had training courses and can pull on the knowledge of North West Play Assoc. for help.



Where: West End Community Centre, John St. (left hand side, top end of Stockport Rd.)
When: Term time - Mon, Thurs, Fri. 3 - 6.30p.m.
Trips at weekend.
Holidays - 10. - 6. p.m.
Cost: Nothing - low cost for trips.
Age: Any age (4 - 17)

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Ross Dunn
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Questions WEB thought parents would like the answer to:
How is it supervised: Four full-time Leaders - Arlene, Gee, Kathy, Pauline, and we can also use more staff from other sites if needed.

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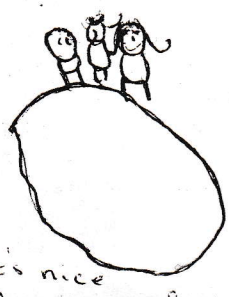
How do you become a member:
Just come along and give us your name and address.

What sort of things do you do:

Games, activities, pool, table tennis, fun on the inflatables, drawing, canoeing, camping, and generally anything the kids want to do.



"It's nice On the inflatable" Susie.

What sort of aims do you have:

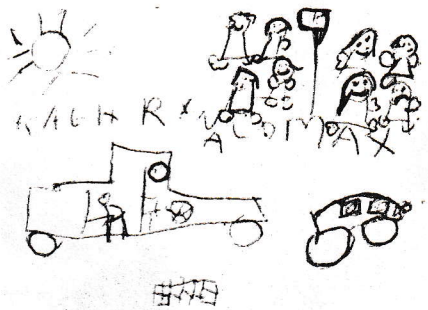
Our main aim is to help and develop and encourage the children with skills they wish to utilise whilst making it pleasurable and fun.

We are also here to help the children sort out any problem that can arise from the boredom of living in the West End. While they are here they are not getting into trouble.

Arlene

It's good for me and my mate. Come all the time there's no where else to go
MANZY FITZPATRICK
3 Trafalgar Sq

Where do you go on trips:
We go places like the Airport, Manchester Museum, Manor Park, all the kids need is a packed lunch. These trips are designed to be low cost because it gets expensive if you have to pay for 3 or 4 children. It only costs 10p bus fare to get to the airport and back and the kids are entertained for a full day.



I think the play scheme keeps the kids out of trouble and of the streets.
Sarahy
age 16

WEST END PLAYSCHEME

Questions the parents asked:

Margaret Leathley,
5 Bollington Close.

"What's this about it closing down?"

"The playscheme is at present sponsored by the North West Play Association with Job Creation money, and this ends in September. However, sponsor forms have been put in for the continuation of the scheme under the follow-up to JCP, and we should hear soon whether it can continue."

Mr. Sandiford,
14 Bollington Close.

"Why can't they be permanent? What else are the kids going to do? Who else is going to take them on trips and learn them canoeing? Where else are there facilities like this near the West End?"

Some say that parents should take full responsibility for their children's play, but many parents in Tameside have their work cut out earning enough to feed and clothe them. Greater Manchester recognises this and provides fully equipped, properly supervised playschemes. Why cannot some of Tamesides surplus £700,000 be used to do this here ?

Mrs. Mirza, Cambridge St.
'What sort of plans do you have for the summer?'
Well, over Easter we built an adventure playground (see WEB 10) and we hope to build another over the summer. We are continuing the outings and have a campsite booked in Hayfield and will take a group of children there for a few days.
We also hope to have a sports day with the other five playscheme sites in Tameside. There will be plenty for the children to do.

I am looking foward to our next trip as the last one was so good
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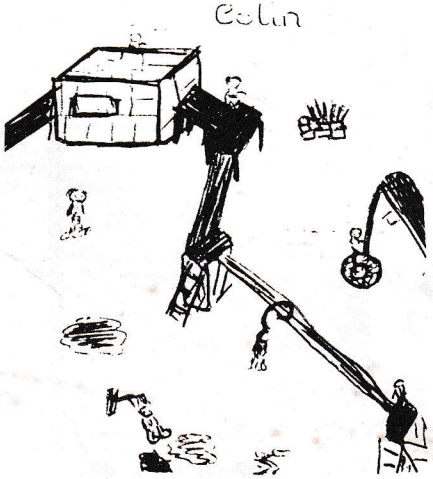

I like the play ground because it had a tyre swing silly

WEB COMMENT

WEB feels that the Playscheme is a tremendous success.
The large number of kids who regularly attend it and who turn up for outings is living proof of how necessary the West End Playscheme is.

A great variety of experience is being offered to kids. Every event that has been arranged over the last year has been oversubscribed.
We feel that the enthusiasm and hard work put in by the Leaders is appreciated by the kids and it is a great tragedy for everyone that the Playscheme is threatened with closure in September.

West end Best end

Stockport road is full of Joy
Lots of shops but non of boy,
West end park is quite a lark
Kids will play there light or dark,
Kid get dissey kids get sick
People think them kids are thick,
Thats no fun for girl or boy
They want a Play Scheme full of Joy.

SYSTEMS

A member present at a G.M.C. meeting who wishes to remain anonymous tells a rather unusual tale. Some members from the various local councils were asked how their system of local government worked.
Here are some of the answers:

"We use the star system at our place.

All information is fed from the periphery of the star to the centre and is then sifted quickly and sent back to the relevant departments, then to the public."

"We use the wheel system at our place.

All information is collected at the rim of the wheel and sent along the spokes to the central division, where it is dealt with promptly and sent back to all departments."

"Tameside said they used the Mushroom system. They keep us in the dark and every now and then throw muck on us."

WHIST

The recently formed Saturday Night Whist Drive at the Community Centre invites new members. Come along at 7.30 pm.

Face to Face

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3. Exeter
4. Dukinfield
5. Leek 6. Leeds

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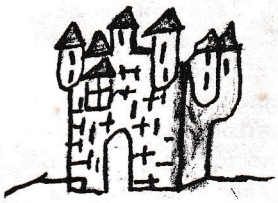

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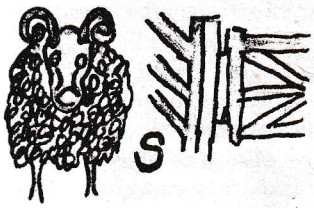

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ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD NO. 10

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5. Ovine	2. in
7. hot	3. rally
8. Landau	4. extensible
10. joey	6. electricity
11. actual	8. leadership
12. has	9. natural
13. octa	17. naval
14. Eire	
15. rob	
16. ennui	
18. salad	
19. into	
20. malady	

Place names
1. Leith
2. Castleton
3. Ramsgate
4. Swanscott